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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT REUTER PRESS AGENCY ARTICLE DATED SEPTEMBER 14, 1973, MENTIONED REFTEL:

2. QUOTE: WASHINGTON - MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DECLARED TODAY THAT FRENCH ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILES WERE SEEN IN PARADE IN LYBIA, AND IT IS NOT BELIEVED THAT THESE MISSILES - WHICH WERE CROTALE ONES AND ARE VERY EFFECTIVE AGAINST LOW-LEVEL FLIGHTS IN ORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES - WILL CHANGE THE MILITARY BALANCE BETWEEN ARAB STATES AND ISRAEL.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPOESMAN SAID THAT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN TRIPOLI REPORTED THAT SUCH MISSILES WERE SEEN IN A MILITARY PARADE IN THE LYBIAN CAPITAL DURING THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF FIRST SEPTEMBER REVOLUTION WHICH DETHRONED THE MONARCHY THERE.

"WASHINGTON POST" NEWSPAPER SAID TODAY THAT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AUTHORITIES ARE WORRIED BECAUSE OF SELLING SUCH MISSILES TO LIBYA WHICH WILL ALLOW THE USSR TO STUDY A MISSILE WHICH THE UNCLASSIFIED

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USA IS INTENDING TO PURCHASE. THE PAPER ADDED: "SOME AMERICAN

MILITARY OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT CROTALE MISSILE IS CHEAPER, MORE
ACCURATE, AND MORE MOBILE THAN ANY OF THE EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN
EXISTING MISSILES." THE PAPER ALSO ADDED THAT AMERICAN SOURCES
BELIEVE THAT THREE, OUT OF FOUR CROTALE BATTERIES, ARE OPERATIONAL
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